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Sincerely,

David Bonham

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Donnelly et al.

Serial No.: 09/715,902

Filed: 11/17/2000

Title: **MICROPARTICLE-BASED TRANSFECTION AND ACTIVATION OF DENDRITIC CELLS**

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Wehbé, Anne Marie Sabrina

Docket No.: 1627.003

VIA FACSIMILE 703-872-9306
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Further to the non-final Office Action mailed August 14, 2002 in the above matter Examiner, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5-7, 14, 16-18 and 30 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of transfecting dendritic cells comprising:
providing dendritic cells;
providing a transfection agent comprising a polynucleotide and microparticles,
said microparticles comprising biodegradable polymer and cationic detergent; and
incubating the dendritic cells and transfection agent *ex vivo* for a time sufficient to
transfect the dendritic cells with the polynucleotide.
